

1. Trivandrum-Gandhidham weekly service.
2. Bangalore-Kurla (Bombay) daily service.

A weekly Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Secunderabad/Bangalore is also proposed to be introduced during the next financial year.

SC/ST Booking Agents

3377. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for reservation of rail ticket booking agencies for ST/ST persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the zone-wise number of agencies allotted to SC/ST persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of Environmental Managers

3378. SHRI SARAT GHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose for mandatory appointment of Environment Managers in industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-

ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

Scheme of Non-Formal Education

3379. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered by the scheme of Non-formal education so far;

(b) the number of centres sanctioned therefor during 1991-92;

(c) the number of beneficiaries during the last three years; year-wise;

(d) the number of non-governmental organisations involved;

(e) whether any independent check has been made about the existence and performance of these centres; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) (i) Number of districts covered through State Governments and Union Territory administrations: 325

(ii) Number of districts covered through voluntary agencies: 166

Some of the Districts are commonly covered by both State U. Ts. and Voluntary Agencies.

(b) 1755 centres were sanctioned during 1991-92.

(c) The number of beneficiaries during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 were 59,89,050 63,98,375 and 67,18,000 respectively.

(d) The number of non-governmental organisations involved was 383 as on 31.3.91.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. External Evaluation of the non-formal education programme is currently being undertaken by Institutions having requisite expertise. In addition, Evaluation by Joint Evaluation team comprising one nominee each of the central and respective State Governments and one non-official member is also in progress.

[Translation]

Appointment in Bhopal Coach Repair Factory

3380. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned for Bhopal's Coach Repair Factory under Class I, II and III categories and the number of posts out of these filled up by 31st December, 1991;

(b) the number of persons appointed upto 31st December, 1991 as a result of the arrangement made for the reservation of posts in this factory for persons affected by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(c) whether the date for appointment of gas affected persons is proposed to be extended further; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Wheat Import

3381. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new item captioned 'Wheat import move faces hurdles' appearing in the Economic Times, dated February 19, 1992;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the food procurement Delegation which visited U. S. A. recently did not clinch this issue during its talks in that country; and

(d) if so, how it is proposed now to push through the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). Alternate arrangements for import of wheat are being explored.

Unmanned level Crossings

3382. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned level crossings in the country as on March, 1992, zone-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to man them in the near future; and